



ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 26, 2024 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

1. Roll Call

Committee Attendees: Chair Lauren Lindelof, KC Chermak, Polly Andersen, and Ava McNanley.

Wayzata City Staff Member: Nick Kieser, Parks and Environment Planner.

2. Approve Agenda

Motion to approve agenda, first by Andersen, seconded by Chermak. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Approve October 29, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes, first by Lindelof, seconded by McNanley. Motion passed unanimously.

4. MPCA Grand Update

The committee further reviewed the MPCA grant proposals. The recommended consulting firm was LHB. It was noted that Local Climate Solutions would not need to be brought in as previously recommended, as LHB has completed most of the work that would be covered by Local Climate Solutions. The Committee reviewed the updated proposal by LHB. Updated budget was reviewed, and clarified that the note of LHB Support is their administrative team.

The next step is to get an agreement approved with LHB to complete the MPCA grant work by the City Council on their December 3 meeting. The Committee also discussed the possibility of adding a December meeting to kickstart the plans and processes with LHB.

Committee reviewed the goals included in the grant, including energy, waste, water use, utilities, and analysis for an EV fleet in Wayzata. Discussed the next steps the Council could take upon completion of the grant proposal. Noted that the committee should focus on positive messaging and bringing many environmental issues back to the citizens.

5. Community Organics Discussion

Chair Lindelof met with the Eco Team at Folkstone who noted they are looking for ways to increase their recycling, including specific materials (batteries, styrofoam, etc.). The commercial kitchen does have organics that go to a local farm. The Eco Team also noted a challenge to provide organics to everyone in their development. The team is currently collecting organics, but they do not have a designated spot to

bring. The idea of having a central location where multi-family residences can drop off organics was discussed. Public Works was brought up as a possibility, however a number of issues were communicated. They are only open until 3:30, have dangerous equipment around, and there is no lighting in the morning. There is a possibility of doing a community organics pickup at their site, with having bins added to their site rather than outsourcing a location. The Committee decided to continue exploring other options within other multi-family complexes and research possible locations for organics.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting in December will be determined in the upcoming weeks depending on the availability of LHB or else have an end of the year celebration.

7. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting, first by Andersen, seconded by Chermak. Motion passed unanimously.